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# Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

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**Applicant(s)**

VAN DEN BOSSCHE ET AL.

**Examiner**

RAMON O. RAMIREZ

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Detailed Action***

This is the third Office Action corresponding to amendment filed Oct 21, 2008. The amendment has been entered. The finality of the rejection of the last Office action is withdrawn; a new non final action follows.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Turner. The patent to Turner discloses a receiving means (23) attached to a wall, a fixing means (11) attached to an item, and an engaging means received into an opening, or hole of the item. Again, Applicant is reminded that the housing is not a positive element of the instant invention.

Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Holmes (20030038222). The patent to Holmes discloses a receiving means (24), an engaging means (opening on item 35), and a fixing means (fastener received into the engaging means). The housing is not a positive element of the invention.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holmes. To substitute a screw for the fastener shown by Holmes, which appears to be a nail,

would be considered obvious to those skilled in the art. Screws and nails are mechanical equivalent securing means.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 11-13 are allowed.

Claims 9/12, and 9/13 would be allowed if part 9/14 of the claim is deleted.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The examiner apologizes for indicating that claim 9, now presented as claim 14 was allowed over the art of record. This was a typographical error that the examiner did not realize up until now. The examiner regrets any inconveniences to Applicant and/or his counselor.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (571) 272-6821. The examiner is usually available Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor ALLEN SHRIVER can be reached on (571) 272-6698.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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A shortened period for response to this Office Action expires THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

ROR  
November 5, 2008

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